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DEAR CHAIRMAN BENACHOWSKI,

THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE
WRIGHT PETITION CC DOCKET # 96-128

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE PRICE OF PHONE CALLS IN MICHIGAN HAS DOUBLED FROM 1.50 TO 3.00 PER CALL. THE DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS HERE PASSED OVER LESS EXPENSIVE CONTRACTS THAT OFFERED THE SAME SERVICES.

I DON'T HAVE A JOB, I'VE BEEN WAITING 6 MONTHS, WHEN I DO GET ONE IT WILL BE FOR LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR PER DAY FOR 20 DAYS IN A MONTH. THE PRICE OF TOOTHPASTE IS 3.82 PER TUBE, 70+ CENTS PER BAR OF SOAP. .34¢ PER RAMEN NOODLE.

IT'S LIKE THEY ARE INTENTIONALLY TRYING TO KEEP US FROM OUR FAMILIES BY RAISING THE PRICES ON EVERYTHING.

THE PHONE RATES WERE RAISED TO PAY FOR SOME CELL PHONE DETECTING DEVICE.

IT APPARENTLY DOESN'T WORK BECAUSE OUR DEPUTY WARDEN LARSON LIKES TO WALK AROUND THE YARD LIKE HE'S ON THE PLANTATION TALKING ON HIS CELL PHONE (WHICH VIOLATES POLICY)

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SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. COMMUNICATION
WITH MY FAMILY HELPS ME STAY OUT OF
TROUBLE AND BUILD A FUTURE FOR RELEASE.
I'D APPRECIATE YOUR SINCERE ATTENTION IN
THIS MATTER. THANK YOU

RESPECTFULLY,

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Dear Chairman Julius Gerschowski

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My name is Jason Gonzalez prisoner #299248 I am currently serving a 45 year sentence and the most difficult situation I've ever had to endure. I was the soul provider for my family, so without me being able to generate income we've lost everything, my family is struggling in this rough economy like many other families dealing with similar situations. Mr. Chairman I have a 12 year son and 4 year old daughter which I love dearly, but because of these ridiculously high prices on collect calls I can only afford to speak to my son ^{twice} a month and can't speak to my daughter at all, the thing is Mr. Chairman I'm one of the more fortunate ones there's many of us who can't speak to ~~their~~ ^{our} loved ones at all, At All, Can you imagine how that feels? ~~Business is Business~~ ^{Business is Business} this I understand, but how much is too much, is the profit not enough? must we ~~choose~~ choose between a meal and speaking to our family? things never seem to affect you unless it hits close to home, if you're not living with it then it doesn't matter but, humans ripped away from their family a lot of us are not evil but have made unthoughtout decisions that have cost us loved ones our families, now trying to repair damaged relationships or stay involved in our children's lives has become even more difficult, because phone calls that should cost no more than \$1.50 cost \$4.00 that's crazy. Please Mr. Chairman make your profits but make it more affordable for the struggling ~~low~~ ^{low} income families to communicate with their loved ones who are imprisoned. Thank you. May the most High bless you and your family that you never have to endure such a struggle.

Jason Gonzalez

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August 22, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am an inmate at MCF-Rush City, a prison in the Minnesota DOC. I was convicted and came to prison in 1992. I would like to share my experience with the prison phone system with you. Over the past 20+ years, I have seen firsthand the changes in the telephones in prison and how they are managed. It has, unfortunately, evolved into a profiteering racket under the guise of "security".

Currently, a call home to my mother in Minneapolis 15 minute call. Because my mother's phone service provider contract with Global Tel Link (GTL), she cannot accept collect calls. I must pre-pay for calls through our commissary here. My prison job is about \$60.00*, so a single phone call represents my mother were to send in money for me to purchase phone service subject to a 10% "cost of confinement" charge. If she were to use other providers in order to be able to accept collect calls from her, she would have to pay a higher rate for *all* of her phone services. This places a burden on communication with home.

proximately \$6.00 for a not have a billing from the prison and I pay two weeks from my pay at 10% of my wages. If that money would be used for phone service, I would have to pay a premium on communication

Writing letters is, of course, an option. However, my mother suffers arthritis pain in her hands. So, writing for her is a very painful act. Furthermore, she is dyslexic and avoids writing because of appearing "stupid", no matter how much I may try to help her.

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The prison phone system has burdened me in other ways. A vendor who provided internet research and other services to the Minnesota DOC for offering a discount phone rate service was banned in the prison because they threatened a prison revenue source. Since the calls would all have still gone through the prison, the prison cannot justify any real security concerns. Now, the vendor is banned and has a good business relationship with the prison. I fear that somebody might somehow cut into prison profits.

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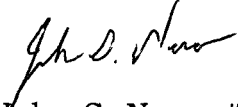
The prison phone system has stymied the flow of communication with my family. It has cost me an undue amount of money, business relationships, and closeness in my relationship with my family. My punishment as a criminal is supposed to be removal of my freedom, not the removal of my communication with my family.

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from society for a specified period of time. However, uncontrolled profiteering through the phone system has increased my punishment by several magnitudes by isolating me further and further from positive support systems. This increased punishment extends to the outside world, depriving vendors of business and inmates' families of the intimacy of calls from their loved ones.

Thank you for your time and attention, sir.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Nemo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent.

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*I am at top pay for my job and have no fines or restitution. Most inmates here make far, far less - as little as \$5.00 every two weeks.